



Community E-lert®

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TO: Community E-lert Recipients

FROM: Jeffrey Chen, Chief of Police

SUBJECT: Community E-lert #05-013

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POSSIBLE CAIMAN OR LARGER REPTILE SIGHTING

The Medina Police Department has been notified of some possible caiman or larger reptile sightings in and around the Cozy Cove/Fairweather Bay area. One source stated the reptile, which may have resembled a small alligator, was situated in the back of the bay within the reeds.

This notice is not meant to create undue fear, however, caimans are smaller versions of an alligator but are much more aggressive and an obvious danger to anyone, especially children. If seen, do not attempt to approach or capture this reptile.

The Medina Police Department and our Mercer Island Marine Patrol has been in contact with the Department of Fish and Wildlife. In the event of additional sightings, Sergeant Chandler with the Department of Fish and Wildlife may be contacted at 425-775-1311 or Medina Police Officer Gibson at 425-454-1332.

If you wish to comment about this information, please click the following link to contact Officer Gibson at e-mail sgibson@medina-wa.gov or call 425-454-1332